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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Lou W. Watkins GROUP: 1762
SERIAL NO: 09/464,997 EXAMINER: Ex. Bareford
FILED: December 16, 1999
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING SYNTACTIC
FOAM THERMAL INSULATION TO A LENGTH OF PIPE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the claims in this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 9 as follows:

9. A method of forming an insulating product for a length of pipe, said method comprising the steps of:
- Sub 3* co-extruding an inner syntactic foam insulator and an outer protective cover; and rapidly solidifying said protective cover.

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